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"LOVE ALL, DO WRONG TO NONE, BE CHECK'D FOR SILENCE BUT NEVER TAX'D FOR SPEECH."SHAKSPEARE.

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FOR THE OBSERVER.

"I would not live alway."—JOB.
What is there here, could make us wish to live
Beyond the time allotted man below?
Our life, what is it, but a scene of care,
Of want, of woe, and trifling incidents?
Th' immortal soul was ne'er designed to feast
On earth's vain, husky food, and try to fill
Its vast desires with aught below the sun.
An heir of bliss, should surely soar above,
To Heaven's high fountain of perennial joy.
The heir of earth's possessions longs to take
Supreme command of what is left to him.
Shall not the heir of Heav'n be more concern'd
To enter mansions, long prepared above
For his reception? O! how far we live
Below our hope, if earth engross our care,
And chain us down to things of time and sense.
A Christian should live here a sojourner
Who tarries for a time—a traveller
That waits the morning light, to spread his way
For home, his fond desire, where dwells his chief delight.

FOR THE OBSERVER.
OXFORD COUNTY SOCIETY
FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MORALS.

Agreeably to notice given in the *Oxford Observer* of May 26, 1825, the following revised Constitution, with a Preamble, is now presented for acceptance:

PREAMBLE.

In many respects this is an age of invention and of enterprise. Interesting and important discoveries are made. Great objects are undertaken with fortitude and hope, and pursued with zeal and expectation. Hence hills are levelled and valleys are filled. Rivers are turned out of their courses; Lakes are connected with lakes, and the union of vast oceans is now in contemplation.

The Christian world also has begun to awake, and this has become an age of benevolence and of diffusing extensively the light of life. The Bible, translated into a great variety of languages, is distributed among nations and tribes, far and near. Not only the heathen world, but the ancient covenant people, the long-neglected and despised descendants of Abraham, have the gospel sent to them in their own language. Even "they who go down in ships to do business on the great waters," are remembered with compassion: To their great joy the Bethel flag is hoisted. The heralds of salvation are employed in every quarter of the globe and in the islands of the seas. As the blessed effects of the great combination of measures in operation, and as evidence that the prayers and the aims of Zion's friends ascend before God with acceptance, the veil of unbelief is rent from the hearts of Jews; the superstition of Pagans yields to the radiance of divine truth, and the heathen are casting their "idols to the moles and to the bats." Thus, wheels within wheels, seem moving on with steady and accelerating progress towards the more complete fulfilment of divine promises, and the more full execution of predicted events.

Millennial glory then bursting upon the world; and is the King of Zion indeed on his way, coming in his royal greatness, from conquering to conquer? And hence we have now nothing to do, but to stand inactive, and yet presume on seeing the salvation of God?

Alas! what is the state of society in this land of Sabbaths, of Bibles, and of Gospel privileges? Notwithstanding many hopeful appearances, and the certainty that the gracious purposes of Heaven will finally be accomplished, what is the apparent condition of many around us and in the midst of us? If the Lord Jesus is about to reign gloriously, and till all his enemies shall be put under his feet; have we no neighbors, friends or even relatives who are of that unhappy number? Are not any of them bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh? If so, can we feel indifferent, and yet view ourselves as the faithful friends and the compassionate imitators of Christ? Beside, are we not required, and encouraged, as instruments, to become workers together with God in accomplishing his gracious purposes? Yet will any say, nothing can be done for the improvement of morals? The condition of society is remediless? Let such consider what has been undertaken, what has been accomplished, and what are the gracious assurances to the faithful and persevering. If we ourselves be on the Lord's side, "greater is he that is with us than he that is in the world." And if God be for us, who should linger? From observation it appears evident, that the great machinery of measures, for enlightening and reforming the world, cannot be complete till further exertions shall be made for a more extensive reformation of morals in civil and Christian communities. The work, even though great, is not the less important. And by the blessing of the Almighty it may be accomplished. The period of great events is already too far advanced to admit of insurmountable discouragements, and especially in the way of duty. The wise and prudent exertions of those who are in elevated stations will have a peculiar efficiency. Let all those also, who have the means of indulgence, deny themselves, and kindly admonish others, and their example will have influence, and their admonitions will not be wholly lost. If we cannot reclaim those who have been suffered to advance beyond the hopeful reach of mercy; we may, through grace, gain some who are not yet confirmed in vicious habits, and mildly restrain others from entering on forbidden ground.

CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with the foregoing Preamble, we, inhabitants of Oxford County, agree to form ourselves into a united fraternity, by the name of the *Oxford County Society for the improvement of morals*; and to adopt the following regulations as the Constitution of said Society, viz.:

1. The Society shall consist of Delegates chosen by ballot, in Associations formed for the same purpose, in the several towns in the County aforesaid.

2. Each regular Association shall be entitled to one Delegate, and to two, should there be twenty members in the Association, and to three, should there be thirty, &c.

3. The aforesaid Delegates shall hold a meeting annually at a place and time previously appointed.

4. The officers of the Society to be chosen by ballot, at their first meeting, and annually afterwards, shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together, shall constitute a Board of Agents for doing any business which may devolve on them.

5. The officers of the several Associations, to be chosen as above, shall consist of a Moderator, Scribe,

and Treasurer, who shall constitute a Committee for conducting any business of their respective Associations which may be assigned to them.

6. The several Associations will hold their stated meetings, at least, three times in a year.

7. Each individual, on becoming member of an Association, and annually afterwards, will be expected to pay twelve and half cents, and more, if disposed, to his respective Treasurer.

8. The Associate Treasurers are reasonably to transmit the money thus received, to the Treasurer of the County Society for the purchase of appropriate publications, at the discretion of the Board of Agents, and to be distributed according to their direction, but principally among the several Associations.

9. The meetings of the Society and of the several Associations are to be opened by some religious exercise, in addition to the reading of a portion of scripture, at the opening of the meetings. The intervening exercises may consist of appropriate addresses and other communications and discussions calculated to promote the object contemplated in this Constitution.

10. As the prime object of the Society and of the several Associations, is, the *improvement of morals*, among themselves and others, it will be the duty of all the members, conscientiously to refrain from the intemperate and needless use of all kinds of distilled spirits, and particularly at retailing Stores and all places of dissipation; to refrain especially from the unnecessary use of ardent spirits, on the Lord's day, on all religious occasions, and at funeral solemnities; to refrain from using profane language, and from all immorality, and to disown the same in others.

11. All the members will, moreover, be required to be industrious in some useful employment; to pay a sacred regard to the holy Sabbath and to the public worship of God; to reverence the Sanctuary of the Lord, when there assembled, by a sober and decorous behaviour; and to use their influence with others to practice the same virtues.

12. It is recommended that laborers be encouraged to accept of something as a substitute for ardent spirit, except when really needed; and that it be no longer used as a fashionable treat in the social circle.

13. To impress favorably the minds of the rising generation, it will be the pleasure of the several Associations to encourage amiable youth to unite and meet with them, though not as voters till of the age of twenty-one years.

14. Ladies, approving of these measures, are desired to unite their influence in promoting the same cause.

15. The Rev. Clergy are respectfully invited to attend our meetings, to encourage our laudable efforts, and to take a part in our social exercises.

16. In towns or plantations where Associations cannot be formed, according to the provision made in this Constitution, individuals may, on the same terms be eligible to membership in the County Society, if present at their annual meetings.

17. Other regulations, not repugnant to the preceding, may be occasionally adopted, when judged expedient by the respective Committees, and the Constitution itself, will be subject to revision, at the discretion of the Board of Agents.

N. B. The first meeting of the Oxford County Society is to be held at Paris Meeting-house, on the third Wednesday of September next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Editorial Correspondence.

Packet ship Corinthian, at sea, Saturday, 25th June, 1825.

"Thus far we sail before the wind," in a figurative, if not in a literal sense, our gallant ship having at length reached the fifty-second degree of north latitude, and the twenty-ninth of longitude, after a passage of seventeen days from New-York. She is now standing for the coast of Ireland, with a favorable breeze, bearing us at the rate of eight or nine knots the hour towards the port of destination; and as it is possible we may land at Cape Clear or Cork, if a fair opportunity shall present, with a view of visiting the principal places in that Island, before going to England or Scotland, I employ leisure hour in retracing our path-way over the waste of waters to this point, reserving the remainder of the voyage to some future occasion.

Although I have kept a full dairy, in which a volume of minute incidents are recorded; yet, on a review, the contents appear too trifling and too monotonous for publication. Circumstances which attracted attention, and served to amuse us, insulated and cut off as we were from the rest of the world, would appear trivial in detail, and could afford no gratification to our readers. A general outline of our voyage thus far is all I shall attempt; and even this, under present circumstances, must be crude and imperfect. My letter will doubtless contain many things at which a sailor would laugh, as exhibiting the evidences of a complete landsman, or what the English denominate *Johnny Newcome*, the extent of my navigation having hitherto been confined to Long Island Sound. The whole scene has therefore been to me entirely novel.

With the circumstances of our departure from the Hook, and the ordeal of taking leave of our friends, you are acquainted. I hope the struggle of feeling, which such a moment is calculated to excite, was sustained with a becoming fortitude; and he that would more is not a man." The heart experiences a new sensation, and throbs with new pulsations, as the eye surveys its native shores fast receding, with all the endearments of friends, country, and home. To a novice, the feeling is by no means alloyed by the thought, that "he is going he knows not where," launching upon the wide ocean, and entering in fact upon an untried state of being.

These things may seem on shore, they will occasionally come over the heart at sea; and it is enough to say, that they were felt to their fulness, without, however, producing moment's regret, at an undertaking, involving like all others, some doubts and some risks as to the result.

A fair but light breeze soon bore us away from the waters of New-York. Object after object faded from view. Staten Island and the blue summits of Never-sink were soon lost in the horizon. Our course for some distance was nearly parallel with Long Island; and the last land we saw was the hills of South-Hampton. Every American passenger kept the deck, with his face turned homeward, till between four and five

o'clock in the afternoon, when the last glimpses of the shore faded into sky, and several of us for the first time realized the force of the poet's expression—"undique culum undique ponis." The blue sky and the blue ocean were all of the world that remained to us; and we felt, if we did not exclaim—"my native land, good night."

The separation had not till this moment become perfect; for the mind clung to the objects it could yet discern, as old acquaintances, and the dim and distant view of the hills along the Island formed the last tie to be severed. When this was dissolved, we began to regard our ship as our only home for the present and to examine into the resources which it afforded, for comfort, instruction, and amusement. Fortunately we have thus far found it abundant in these particulars. The Corinthian is one of the handsomest and most gallant ships belonging to our port, being well built, as well as elegantly finished and furnished. She has a skilful commander, and her other officers and crew are uncommonly active and efficient, all manifesting, from the Captain to the cabin-boy, an anxiety to afford every accommodation to the passengers, and to maintain the high character of the ship.

We have by a kind of sympathy, entered fully into their feelings, although we are emphatically "only passengers," and a species of pride is felt, as the Corinthian, with all her canvass spread, passes under full sail by other vessels standing upon the same course. When there is a brisk gale, with the speed of the Corsair's bark,

"She walks the water like a thing of life,"

dashing through the foam, and riding over the billows with the utmost majesty, leaving her competitors far behind. She has fallen in with perhaps a dozen ships and brigs in the course of our passage, none of which could keep in sight of her more than two or three hours.

The accommodations of the Corinthian are not inferior to her external appearance and to her character for fleetness. Our table has been spread four times a day, laden with all the variety of meats, fruits, and delicacies, which the greatest epicure could desire, and crowned with several kinds of wine, not excepting champagne once or twice a week, for the purpose of drinking "sweet-hearts and wives"—a custom rigidly observed by us. Our ship is at once a farm and store-house, from which the most abundant supplies of fresh provisions are drawn at pleasure. Its deck has quite a rural appearance, where one hears the crowing of the cock, the cackling of hens, the quacking of ducks, the lowing of the cow, and the bleating of sheep. There is an honest Irishman on board, named Jemmy, who is working his passage home, and whose special duty it is, to superintend the farm-yard and feed the stock. His assiduity, and the tenderness he manifests towards his little flock, particularly towards the cow, Sukey, has acquired for him the good wishes of all the passengers.

Sed paulo majora canamus—We have thirteen passengers besides myself, four of whom are from New-York, one from Flushing, two from the city of Washington, two from Pennsylvania, one from the West Indies, one from Liverpool, one from Leicester in England, and a Colonel belonging to the British Army, who has been stationed in Canada. They are all well educated, intelligent, and gentlemanly men, who have seen much of the world, and are intimately acquainted with the respective countries to which they belong.

Although we have no ladies on board to exercise their restraining influence, the utmost decorum in dress and demeanor is observed; and as much etiquette prevails daily at our table as is witnessed at a genteel dinner party. This circumstance has added greatly to the pleasures of our passage. There is a good library on board the Corinthian, which, with the books belonging to the passengers, and thrown into common stock, furnishes an ample supply of literary amusement. I have not found an hour hang heavy on my hands since my departure, except in cases of indisposition, which have been less frequent and less severe than I had anticipated. The day passes in reading and conversation, interspersed occasionally with a game at chess or back-gammon for recreation.

These occupations, at once instructive and amusing, with the various operations in directing and managing the ship, presenting a sphere of the arts with a language peculiar to itself, with which I was in a great measure unacquainted, have left no room for ennui.

But there is a pleasure beyond what this little world, enclosed in wooden walls, can afford—the pleasure of looking abroad upon the boundless ocean, of watching its changing aspects, its restless agitation, its eternal heavings. There is a grandeur in such an expanse of water, stretching beyond the limits of vision, and on all sides mingling with the skies, even when its surface is calm and placid. But how is its magnificence heightened, when it is lashed into tumult, and the billows are crested with foam!

I have stood for hours, to survey the waves rolling and tumbling in the verge of the horizon, with which they appear to be blended. It is at such a moment that man feels his weakness and insignificance, while the elements are in commotion, the sea dashed around him, in all its terror and sublimity, and a fathomless abyss yawning beneath, insulated as he is from the rest of the world, and devoid of human assistance. His confidence is limited to a plank, and that, apparently too fragile to withstand for a moment the violence and concussion of the waves.

In spite of all the convictions of safety and of all resolutions to meet whatever may come with firmness and fortitude, the imagination, startled by the breaking of masts, the piping of winds, and the dashing of the surge, will sometimes descend to the bottom of the ocean, and survey such horrors, as are depicted in the dream of Clarence:

"What sights of ugly death within mine eyes!
Met thought I saw a thousand fearful couches;
A thousand men, that fishes gnawed upon;
Walruses of gold, great anchors, heaps of pearl,
Inestimable stones, unvalued jewels,
All scattered in the bottom of the sea.

Some lay in dead men's skulls; and in those holes,
Where eyes did once inhabit, there were crept,
As 'twere in scorn of eyes, reflecting gems,
That wo'd the slimy bottom of the deep,
And mock'd the dead bones that lay scatter'd by."

When the imagination has once reached the bottom of the ocean, it is very easy for it to extend its rambles through coral groves and those green recesses, which poets and naturalists scarcely less fanciful, have supposed to exist. Buffon thinks that the depths of the sea exhibit all the varieties of hill and dale, earth and rock, that we observe on dry land; and that its plants and shrubs have a similar regular distribution. According to others, these vegetables and sub-marine productions are of the most gorgeous and splendid colors, vying in richness and beauty with

the abodes with the inhabitants of the deep, or those faded gods and goddesses, which the poets of antiquity called into existence.

But let us once more ascend to the surface, if our bathos has not carried us beyond a retreat. I have never before so fully realized the imagery which has been drawn from, and the epithets which have been applied to the ocean, by every writer from Homer down to Lord Byron, as my observation has enabled me to do in this short voyage. The epithet employed by the latter, in the first line of the *Corsair*,

"O'er the glad waters of the dark blue sea,"

is exactly true to nature, and expresses with minute accuracy the color of the ocean, at depths where there are no soundings. As you recede from the shore, the sea-green tinge vanishes, and the cerulean hue深ens in proportion to the depth of the water. So perceptible is this change, that we were able to discover in a moment when we had arrived at soundings upon the Grand Bank. A skilful mariner will ascertain with great accuracy the depth of the water by the eye, without the use of the lead.

Other natural objects, such as the sun, moon, and stars, acquire an additional interest, when seen from the ocean, particularly at their rising and setting. Some of our sunsets have been glorious beyond description. As the bright orb sunk to the horizon, its disc became oblong, and flashed its splendor across the waves, tracing a pyramid of light of the brightest hue. This gorgeous imagery towards the West appears the more splendid, when contrasted with the darkness of the East, where there are no objects to reflect the beams of day, after the sun has reached the verge of the horizon, owing to the sphericity of the ocean. His disc appears to be tinged and gradually quenched by the waves, assuming as it sinks, a hundred different forms. On one evening, some of our passengers had the curiosity to climb to the round-top, while others held their watches below, for the purpose of ascertaining how much longer the sun could be seen at that height, than from the deck. The difference was found to be a minute and four seconds.

The moon, stars, and clouds have to us been equally fruitful sources of observation, appearing under new aspects, and being dearer from the eternal solitude, which reigns over long tracts of ocean, tumbling around the globe. We have often stood upon the deck, to see the star of evening go down, and the moon plunge her cold orb into the main, creating a silver drapery in the clouds around her, as she sinks to rest. When the sea is calm, twilight and the reflection of the ruddy west is delightfully soft and tranquil. The mornings too are sometimes extremely beautiful, the clouds reposing in the utmost serenity along the horizon, and apparently resting upon the blue unruled waters. By good fortune, the *aurora borealis* has been added to the phenomena of nature observed by us. It brightened the whole north, and gave to the skies the appearance of twilight at break of day. The latitude of this place has in some measure changed the aspect of the heavens, the sun setting at 7 minutes after 8 o'clock, making the day 16 hours and 14 minutes long. Evening twilight does not disappear till about 10 o'clock, and the day dawns at a little after 2. There are of course at this season but a few hours of darkness, and even that brief reign is at present shortened by the moon, now fast becoming full orb. The Captain informed at breakfast to-day, that twilight in the north-west was visible the whole of last night. In the course of our passage we have experienced nearly every variety of weather, except the severe gale, and have therefore enjoyed an opportunity of viewing the ocean under all aspects. Three days after leaving the Hook, we reached the Gulph Stream, and nearly crossed it, our ship being at one time as far south as the 38th degree of latitude. There is some advantage in taking this current in an eastward passage, as it runs at the rate of two or three knots an hour; but this seems to be in some measure counterbalanced by the bad weather and heavy swell to be encountered. It is indeed a region of tempests, occasioned probably by the different temperature of the air and its effect in producing currents of wind. On Monday the 13th, we experienced a severe thunder-storm, accompanied by heavy gusts, which continued from 4 o'clock in the afternoon till midnight. It was truly a terrific scene, especially after night came on. The flashes of lightning were frequent and vivid, and the peals of thunder mingling with the roaring of the sea, were tremendous. The bolts fell thick around us, but the lightning did not appear to strike near the ship. A more sublime and awful spectacle than the ocean presented during this storm, can hardly be imagined. The sea as well as the skies seemed to be in a blaze, the phosphoric flashes of the former being scarcely less vivid than those of the latter. This tumult and war of the elements continued for many hours with unabated violence. The grandeur of the scene was heightened by the active bustle and cry of the hardy mariner, as he went aloft amidst the storm, to furl the sails. To a landsman it is really surprising to see with what alertness the sailor will climb to the dizzy heights, and leap from one part of the rigging to another. There is an active and interesting little boy on board, only thirteen years old, who is sometimes seen poised like the lark at the top of the mast, handling the royal. His name as well as his activity in climbing or descending has often reminded me of Gay's beautiful simile, in "Black-eyed Susan."

At 10 o'clock on the night of this storm, Capt. Davis called me to the dock, (for the rain was so severe as to drive the passengers to the cabin,) for the purpose of witnessing what mariners term a *corpo santo*, or sacred body—a phenomenon I was very anxious to see. A ball of fire was visible at the top of the main-mast, emitting a light not unlike that of a lamp.

Poetry.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

Looses chequer life with sorrow,
Rich to-day, we're poor to-morrow;
Riches fly on golden pinions,
Now they plume the meanest minions;
Diamonds dazzling once our chest,
Glitter on the robber's breast;
Ships which once our treasures landed,
Now against the rocks are stranded:
Lustres of the brightest eye
Fade away as years pass by;
Roses blown on beauty's cheek
Drop when life's dim blaze is weak;
Grace of motion—charms and glances,
Vanish when old age advances;
Senses, Reason, Youth, and Time
Moulder in the wreck of time;
Love and Joy, and Pride, Ambition,
Swoon at life's last parting vision;
Pomp and splendor, trophies, lays,
Dissolve at Earth's last meteor-shock;
Fame emblazoned,—Honor's bloom
Are nameless terrors in the tomb;
Temples, towers, and thrones decay,
Kingdoms vanish in a day;
Crowns are taubed for the dust,
Sceptred power in twain is burst;
Doomed for Ruin's Charnel all,
All enwrapped in Ruin's pall:
All but SPIRITS pure for Heaven;
Brighter hopes to these are given:
Mountains melting—Earth dissolving,
Oceans boiling—Spheres convolving;
Time convulses—Systems rock;
These withstand Creation's shock:
These in endless bliss shall soar,
Leave, "when time shall be no more."

CIMON.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

FRANCES' TOMB.
Here let me weep—here let my tears flow o'er the tomb
That shades a lovely flower, blighted in its bloom,—
Too dear for earth her fleeting soul has fled,
Death has consigned her with the awful dead.
Oh Frances! never will thy lovely image be forgot,
Forever hallow'd shall be this cherish'd spot;
Here on thy tomb, I'll shed the sacred tear,
And believe thy pure spirit hovering near.
When the Companions of thy youth, the gay, the proud,
Join in the festive dance, I will escape the crowd,
To thy cemetery my willing feet shall stray, and there
At thy tomb, will pour forth my prayer.
And when grim Death his summons shall impart,
That's to heal the sorrows of this bleeding heart,
Our spirits mingling in the realms of bliss,
Will praise the God, that snatched us from a world like this.
J. K. H.
Portland.

THE QUARREL OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

When Love and Hymen both were boys,
They fix'd a day of smiling weather,
To show each other all their toys,
And pass an afternoon together.
To Hymen's bower young Cupid came,
And each with each was quick delighted;
Love shot his darts of surest aim,
And Hymen's brightest torch was light'd.
But Hymen soon, capricious elf,
(Now Hymen's but a peevish fellow,)
Told love he wished the bow himself,
And then began to pout and bellow.
Love gave his friend the weapon strait,
(Young Love is such a cheerful giver!)
And thus, for Hymen's torch of state,
Changed his best bow and fullest quiver.
While each his proper arms possess'd,
Men neither could not nor would resist 'em;
For Hymen's fires inflamed their breast,
And Cupid's arrows seldom miss'd 'em.
But changing thus their arms about,
The boys became perplex'd and stupid;
Love puts the torch of Hymen out,
While Hymen blunts the shafts of Cupid.
'Twas this dissolved their union sweet,
And broke Affection's firmest tether:
So now, if Love and Hymen meet,
They seldom squalm long together.

VARIETIES.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

Mr. Enron.—I do not recollect ever having seen the following Anecdote in print. It may, however, be relied on as substantially correct.

Yours, &c. UMBRA.

Some twelve or fourteen years ago, a man by the name of Johnson, who had from his birth lived in some town in the interior of New-Hampshire, became suddenly and unexpectedly possessed of a great estate. Thinking probably, that "money makes the man and want of it the fellow," he looked upon his former associates and friends as mere *villains*, and therefore determined to "remove to Boston." Having established himself, with his family, in the Metropolis of Massachusetts, he felt and acted like every fool who carries his brains in his purse. One day, "with ivory-headed cane and beaver gloves," he went to old Faneuil-Hall Market to purchase a dinner. Having purchased his fat turkey, and with a great display of *shiners*, paid for it, he looked round and made inquiry for a "man" to carry it home; seeing a person, with some provision in his hand, and concluding, of course, he must be some gentleman's servant, told him if he would carry his *turkey home*, he would pay him for it.—"Certainly," said the person, "I will carry it to your house for a triflē." The "would-be-great man," with head erect and precise step, strutted along a few paces in front of the supposed menservant, till they arrived, after passing through the back avenue, to the kitchen, where he desired the turkey to be laid upon the table. This done, he demanded, "How much do you ask for this?" "Ninepence, Sir," was the reply, accompanied with a very low obeisance, "and, Sir, should you wish for any jobs of the kind hereafter, I shall frequently be in and about the market, and can serve you at almost any time." "Who shall I ask for?" "O, inquire for ELLY GRAY. I am pretty universally known in Boston I believe." The automaton was thunder-struck, stood a moment as if petrified, then very incoherently, asked the Hon. Mr. Gray's forgiveness and retired in the greatest confusion imaginable.

CARE.

"Is the lot of humanity; and he that aspires to greatness in hopes to get rid of it, is like one who throws himself into a furnace, to avoid the bowering of an ague."

AFFECTING STORY.

Some time ago, a young man took up his residence in a Scottish village, much celebrated for its delightful situation and mineral waters. During his stay, he succeeded in gaining the affections of a very amiable young girl, daughter of the person with whom he lodged. He told her he was a younger branch of a most respectable family in the north of Scotland, and that, owing to some domestic misfortunes, he was then a kind of exile from his father's house, almost without the means of subsistence. By this representation, he had the address to draw money, to a considerable amount, from the affectionate and trusting girl. At length, pretending business of a particular nature called him away, he took leave, solemnly pledging to return in a few weeks and make her wife. About three months after his departure, a letter was delivered to her, dated from a jail in the south of Scotland. It proved to be from her lover, and stated, that, a short time after leaving her, he had from necessity contracted a trifling debt, which, being unable to pay, he had been thrown into prison, at the same time entreating her, as she valued his regard, to relieve him from a situation so unworthy of his family and prospects. The faithful girl, listening only to the dictated of her love, set off immediately with all the money she could procure, to give him liberty—happy in having this opportunity of shewing the strength of her attachment. In an inclement season—through a country with which she was unacquainted—worn and dispirited, she at length reached the place of her destination:—with slow and feeble step she proceeded upwards in the principal street leading to the market-place, but found it impossible to advance farther, owing to an immense crowd of people who had gathered together to witness the punishment of a criminal for some infringement on the laws of his country. In order to avoid the crowd, she stepped on the stairs leading to a draper's shop; and, involuntarily turning her eyes upon the poor wretch who was writhing under the lash of the merciless executioner, beheld, with feelings not to be expressed, the object of her tender solicitude and love. Nor was this all: A large placard was placed upon his breast, intimating that the punishment he was suffering was for the crime of theft. A piercing shriek told the agony of her bosom to the surrounding multitude, as in a state of insensibility she sank into the arms of one of the bystanders. The sympathy and care of strangers was not wanting, but though these recovered her from her swoon, yet reason again never dawned on her mind; and at this moment, she is to be seen wandering in her native village, the pity of all who knew her, and an affecting instance of the basest villainy triumphing over unsuspecting innocence.

REYNOLDS THE PHILANTHROPIST.

A lady applied to him on behalf of an orphan. After he had given liberally, she said, "when he is old enough I will teach him to name and thank his benefactor." "Stop," said the good man, "thou art mistaken; we do not thank the clouds for the rain; teach him to look higher, and thank Him who giveth the clouds and the rain."

The following act of princely liberality is recorded by a friend concerning the same gentleman:—"When Mr. Reynolds resided at Coolsbrook Dale, in the year 1765, he addressed a letter to some friends in London, stating the impressions made on his mind by the distresses of the community, and desiring them to draw upon him for such sums as they thought proper. They complied with his request, and drew in a very short time to the extent of *eleven thousand pounds*. It appeared, however, that they had not yet taken due measures of his liberality; for in the course of a few months he again wrote, stating that his mind was not easy, and his coffers were still too full. In consequence of which they drew for *nine thousand pounds more*."

GENIUS AND TRADES.

The following list contains the names of eminent persons who have been concerned in or connected with trade:

Akenside, son of a butcher—Bloomfield, a shoemaker—Boccacio, natural son of a merchant—Bonner, (Bishop,) a peasant—Bunyan, a tinker—Burns, a bloodhopper—Butler, a farmer—Cervantes, a common soldier—Chatterton, an attorney's clerk—Chaucer, son of a merchant—Churchill, cider-presser—Cibber, son of a sculptor—Claude Lorrain, a pastry cook—Collins, son of a hatter—Colombus, a wool stapler—Crowley, son of a grocer—Cromwell, son of a brewer—Fauconet, son of an innkeeper—De Foe, heister, son of a butcher—Demosthenes, son of a sword maker—Erasmus, grandson of physician—Euripides, son of a green grocer—Falconer, son of a barber—Fox, (Gen.) a shoemaker—Franklin, a journeyman printer—Gifford, a shoemaker—Gray, son of a scrivener—Howard, an apprentice to a grocer—Hume, a merchant's clerk—Jones, (Inigo,) a journeyman carpenter—Johnson, (Samuel,) son of a Bookseller—Johnson, (Benjamin,) bricklayer—Kooli Khan, son of a shepherd—Lillo, a jeweller—Luther, (Martin,) a minister—Mahomet, a camel driver—Milton, son of a scrivener—Molire, son of a tapestry maker—Moore, (Ed.) a linen draper—Prior, (Mat.) son of a joiner—Rabelais, an (Allan,) a barber—Richardson, a printer—Rosseau, son of a cobler—Shakespeare, son of a wool stapler—Smollett, a surgeon—Tamerlane, son of a shepherd—Tilton, son of a weaver—Virgil, son of a pedlar—Walton, (Izaak,) a linen draper—Watts, son of a shoemaker—Wilson, the Ointologist, apprentice to a weaver—Wolsey, son of a farmer—Zimmerman, a physician.

There is a man residing in Pottsgrove township, (Penn.) named Henry Hatfield, who has been blind from his youth, caused by the small-pox; he is a very respectable citizen, and a few years ago purchased a tract of land, and now keeps a public house; he is married and has several children. Besides keeping a public house for a livelihood, he makes baskets of all sizes and descriptions, of a superior quality. What is most singular with him, he will go alone, as far as six miles from his home, with his axe, into a large wood where he will single out saplings or small trees, such as will answer his purpose of making splits, &c.; he will cut them down into such lengths as will suit; he will then hide his axe in the leaves or branches he may meet with, and start off to a neighboring farmer, employ his wagon and horses to haul his wood home, and then return and take his axe from the place where he had concealed it; this he will do without a living soul near him. This information we have from persons who have often seen him do the like. We ourselves have repeatedly seen him a considerable distance from home, travelling in the public road, and asked him if he knew where he was, and which way he was going; he has always answered correctly. His neighbors and acquaintances he recognises as soon as spoken to. He is the best performer on the violin in these parts, and can keep the instrument in as good order as any other person. He is a subscriber of ours, and very often calls himself at the office, to receive his paper.

Potsgrove paper.

Quaintness.—A clergyman of Massachusetts (says Mr. Tudor) being in the habit of preaching sermons that had no connexion with his texts, one of his parishioners observed, that, "if his sermon had the small-pox, his text could not catch it."

THE GOD FELLOW.

Your odd fellow is this who will do nothing like the rest of the world. There was, a few years ago, a remarkable illustration of this character in one W., a man of a small independent fortune, who lived in the borough of Southwark, (Eng.) This man acted wholly upon the principles of contradiction; on a Sunday he always wore the worst clothes he had, and fed on the worst food he could get, because others eat and wore the best.—On a Monday, because it is a kind of a holiday, he used to improvise himself in some sort of a holiday, dressing himself just decent on a Tuesday, better on a Wednesday, better still on Thursday, and so on till Saturday evening, when other people were busy and undressed, he was the ill-best dressed man in the parish; he used to make a point of dining on a goose on Shrove Tuesday, and on pancakes on Michaelmas day; he fed upon oysters as long as the weather continued hot, but left off eating them as soon as there was an air in the month; he almost starved himself on Christmas day; and eat like a glutton when there was a public proclamation for a fast; when it rained hard he went without waistcoat or great coat, but would button himself up close and warm the hottest day in summer; he wrote with a skewer into the form of a pen, and fastened his letters with paste; he constantly sat on a table and eat off a chair; he slept in his kitchen, breakfasted in his garret, dined in the cellar, and eat his supper all the year round in the passage leading to the street door; he married three wives and lived with neither of them; he would frequently pay a waterman to take his boat and attend him on the banks of the Thames, but never got into it; and once a month he hired a coach, but always rode with the coachman; he sometimes called for a pot of porter at an ale house, and always drank it at the door; he shaved himself with a pen-knife, and made his pen with a razor; he combed his wig with a clothbrush; he sometimes went to church and staid the whole time of service; but never sat down—when in company he never spoke a word, but when alone he was always talking to himself; when he was sick he sent for the butcher, but often when in good health he consulted the apothecary; he paid his house rent in the middle of the quarter, and always before it became due; when he died he owed no man a shilling, and took sufficient care that no man should ever owe him sixpence.

THE BREECHES AND THE MAIL-BAG.

A curious occurrence took place some time since in Herfordshire, about twenty-five miles from London. The keeper of the Post-Office on the great Northern Road, who was in the habit of sleeping in a room so much elevated above the road as to enable him to band out of the window the Post-Bag to the Guard of the Mail, had gone to bed at an early hour, according to custom. At half past three o'clock in the morning he was half awakened out of a heavy sleep by the well-known sound of the horn. He turned out of his bed mechanically, and handed out what he supposed to be his letter bag to the guard of the mail, who threw what he received, without looking very closely at it, into the receptacle. The coach proceeded to town without delay, and the Post-Office keeper resumed his sleep, in which he indulged until his wife, who rose at five o'clock, found it necessary to disturb him in consequence of missing his breeches, which he was in the habit of keeping on a chair next to the bed and in which the greater part of the receipt of the day were contained. His wig and other things were also missing. The first thing that suggested itself to both was that some thieves must have got in at the window, which they used for the reason above stated to leave unfastened during the night. The good woman, however, upon looking under the bolster, found to the astonishment of both, the letter bag, which should have been within a few miles of London at the time. The absence of the breeches was then fully accounted for. The owner fancied that the only safe place in the house was between the bolster and the bed.

On this occasion he had mistaken the letter bag, which, as well as his breeches, was made of leather, for his property, and placed it in the same spot. The guard, who it appears was satisfied with finding that what he had got was leather, took no notice of the extraordinary shape of the new letter bag, and was overwhelmed with surprise at finding, upon his arrival at London, that the first thing he laid his hand upon, in rumaging for the most valuable contents of the coach was a pair of old leather breeches, containing an old pair of drawers, a pair of black worsted stockings, a collar, a wig, and a pair of double sole shoes. He had, however, scarcely examined this precious deposit, when a messenger arrived in breathless haste, from the Post-Office keeper, with the bag, which the guard very willingly received in exchange for the breeches.

Equivocal Politeness.—The Count de Lauragan driving one day through Paris in a hack, was obliged to stop in a narrow street, by a handsome carriage which met him in it, and in which were seated the President E. and his lady. The President called out to the coachman to back—the Count bid him not budge, and asked the President what was his character in Paris to give such orders? Madame de L. who was exceedingly ugly, put her head out of the window, and cried to the Count, "Why don't you practise the politeness you preach?"—"Madame," replied the Count, "I beg your pardon a thousand times—if you had shewn yourself a little sooner, the coachman, the horses, myself, and all the equipage, would have fallen back."

An old revolutionary pensioner, whose name has been stricken from the roll on account of his property, and who has tried in vain to have it restored, lately applied to an attorney for assistance; he told him, in his wrath, he was determined to sue the *obligation*. He said he was not certain which ought to be sued, the President or Mr. Calhoun, but he supposed the action could be brought before the Prince Regent of England.

A young man, who was paying his addresses to an Irish girl, had gained so far on her affections that she had consented to attend him to the temple of Hymen, when some economical fears arose in his breast which cooled the flame. Cupid had kindled; he therefore waited on his destined bride and began to talk of hard times, household expenses, &c. till her patience being exhausted, she very politely turned him out of the house. Her mistress, hearing the noise, called to know what it was. "Nothing, madam," replied she, "but kicking the cares of the world out of doors."

A native of Hibernia, relating to his friend the dangers and difficulties he had undergone, both by sea and land, speaks thus to him, with great seriousness: "I believe, in my soul, John, that I have suffered every thing that man fears but death; and I expect, if I shall live, to suffer that also."

An Irishman and a Yankee met at a tavern and there was but one bed for them. On retiring, the Yankee said he did not care which side of the bed he took,—"Then," said Pat, "you may take the under side."

To the Honorable Justices of the Court of Sessions, begun and held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of June, anno Domini eighteen hundred and twenty-five.

THE undersigned proprietors of Township number Two in said County of Oxford, respectively represent, that the Road formerly laid out by order of the Court of Sessions for said County of Oxford, beginning at the dwelling-house of WILLIAM MOUSE, in Rumford, and running through said township, and ending at the dwelling-house of BARNABAS ROWN in Sumner, is not necessary to accommodate the public; that the settlers on said land, do but in very few instances own their land, and are liable soon to be removed, and, of course, that said road cannot be necessary for their accommodation, and, if necessary, ought not to be made at the expense of the proprietors; they further represent, that said road cannot be put in any tolerable state of repair short of a tax almost equivalent to a total abandonment of the soil.—They therefore respectfully pray your Honors that so much of said road, as is situated in said township, numbered Two, may be discontinued, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq.
LEVI WHITMAN, Attorney.
JOHN THOMSON.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS.

Court of Sessions, June Term, A. D. 1825.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, That the standing Committee of the County, be appointed at the expense of the Petitioners to view the aforesaid road, and that said petitioners give notice of the same to the inhabitants of said towns of Sumner and Rumford, by serving on the respective Clerks of said towns, a copy of said Petition, and of this order of Court thereon, thirty days at least before the next term of this Court—and likewise, by publishing said Petition and order three weeks successively, in the *Oxford Observer*, the last publication to be three weeks before the next term of this Court; to be held at Paris, in and for said County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of October next, that all persons interested may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have why the prayer thereof should not be granted. The Court further order, that proceedings be stayed as to the sale of Township No 2, for the payment or tax assessed on said Township at the last Term of this Court, on the petition of James H. Withington and others.

Attest: R. K. GOODENOW, Clerk.
Copy attest: R. K. GOODENOW, Clerk.

CABINET-MAKER'S STAND FOR SALE.

THE subscriber being about to remove to Portland, offers for sale his very eligible STAND for a Cabinet-Maker, pleasantly situated in the upper village, in the town of Waterford. He has occupied the Stand about four years, and has always found ready sale for his work; but circumstances now induce him to leave it. The property consists of about three quarters of an acre of excellent Land, on which is a convenient Cabinet-Maker's Shop, with necessary appurtenances. He will sell the same cheap for cash or approved credit.

He has also a large assortment and variety of ready made

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, made as custom work, faithfully, and of the best materials; some of which is very elegant, consisting of MAHOGANY, BIRCH, MAPLE, and PINE BUREAUX, CHAIRS, TABLES, BEDSTEADS, &c. all of which he will sell very cheap as above.

EDWARD GARLTON, Waterford, August 22, 1825.

FOR SALE.

CENTRALLY situated in Turner Village, about one half acre of LAND, lying between the main road running through said Village and Twenty Mile River. Together with an elegant two-story DWELLING-HOUSE, WOOD HOUSE and one half of a large STABLE, situated thereon, and a good WELL OF WATER. Said Stand is a rare chance for any mechanic, being the centre of the town, and situated near three Stores, Saw-mill, Grist-mill, Carding-machine, Oil-mill, Fulling-mill, &c. It also affords a good stand for a Tider or an Innholder. Purchasers would do well to call and see for themselves; and as the subscriber is about closing his business to remove from town, they may depend upon very fair terms and pay made easy. Those who calculate to purchase, are wished to call before the first of October, as the property is not sold before that time, will be disposed of in a different manner.

ISAAC BONNEY, Turner Village, August 8, 1825.

FOR SALE.

OXFORD OBSERVER.

"LOVE ALL, DO WRONG TO NONE, BE CHECK'D FOR SILENCE BUT NEVER TAX'D FOR SPEECH.".....SHAKSPEARE.

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THE REFLECTOR.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

"I would not live alway,"—JOB.
What is there here, could make us wish to live
Beyond the time allotted man below?
Our life, what is it, but a scene of care,
Of want, of woe, and trifling incidents?
The immortal soul was never designed to feast
On earth's vain, husky food, and try to fill
Its vast desires with aught below the sun.
An heir of bliss, should surely soar above,
To Heaven's high fountain of perennial joy.
The heir of earth's possessions longs to take
Supreme command of what is left to him.
Shall not the heir of Heav'n be more concerned
To enter mansions, long prepared above
For his reception? O! how far we live
Below our hope, if earth engross our care,
And chain us down to things of time and sense.
A Christian should live here a sojourner
Who tarries for a time—a traveller
That waits the morning light, to speed his way
For home, his fond desire, where dwells his chief delight.

C.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

OXFORD COUNTY SOCIETY
FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MORALS.
Agreeably to notice given in the Oxford Observer of May 26, 1825, the following revised CONSTITUTION, with a Preamble, is now presented for acceptance:

PREAMBLE.

In many respects this is an age of invention and of enterprise. Interesting and important discoveries are made. Great objects are undertaken with fortitude and hope, and pursued with zeal and expectation. Hence hills are levelled and valleys are filled. Rivers are turned out of their courses; Lakes are connected with lakes, and the union of vast oceans is now in contemplation.

The Christian world also has begun to awake, and this has become an age of benevolence and of diffusing extensively the light of life. The Bible, translated into a great variety of languages, is distributed among nations and tribes, far and near. Not only the heathen world, but the ancient covenant people, the long neglected and despised descendants of Abraham, have the gospel sent to them in their own language. Even "they who go down in ships to do business on the great waters," are remembered with compassion. To their great joy the Bethel flag is hoisted. The heralds of salvation are employed in every quarter of the globe and in the islands of the sea. As the blessed effects of the great combination of measures in operation, and as evidence that the prayers and the aims of Zion's friends ascend before God with acceptance, the veil of unbelief is rent from the hearts of Jews; the superstition of Pagans yields to the radiance of divine truth, and the heathen are casting their "idols to the males and to the bats." Thus, wheels within wheels, seem moving on with steady and accelerating progress towards the more complete fulfilment of divine promises, and the more full execution of predicted events.

Is immortal glory then bursting upon the world, and is the King of Zion indeed on his way, coming in his royal greatness, from conquering to conquer? And hence have we nothing to do, but to stand inactive, and yet presume on seeing the salvation of God? Alas! what is the state of society in this land of Sabbaths, of Bibles, and of Gospel privileges? Notwithstanding many hopeful appearances, and the certainty that the gracious purposes of Heaven will finally be accomplished, what is the apparent condition of many around us and in the midst of us? If the Lord Jesus is about to reign gloriously, and till all his enemies shall be put under his feet; have we no neighbors, friends or even relatives who are of that unhappy number? Are not any of them bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh? If so, can we feel indifferent, and yet view ourselves as the faithful friends and the compassionate imitators of Christ? Beside, are we not required, and encouraged, as instruments, to become workers together with God in accomplishing his gracious purposes? Yet will any say, nothing can be done for the improvement of morals? The condition of society is remediless? Let such consider what has been undertaken, what has been accomplished, and what are the gracious assurances to the faithful and persevering. If we ourselves he on the Lord's side, "greater is he that is with us, than he that is in the world." And if God be for us, who should linger? From observation it appears evident, that the great machinery of measures, for enlightening and reforming the world, cannot be completed till further exertions shall be made for a more extensive reformation of morals in civil and Christian communities. The work, even though great, is not the less important. And by the blessing of the Almighty it may be accomplished. The period of great events is already too far advanced to admit of insurmountable discouragements, and especially in the way of duty. The wise and prudent exertions of those who are in elevated stations will have a peculiar efficacy. Let all those also, who have the means of indulgence, deny themselves, and kindly admonish others, and their example will have influence; and their admonitions will not be wholly lost. If we cannot reclaim those who have been suffered to advance beyond the hopeful reach of mercy; we may, through grace, gain some who are not yet confirmed in vicious habits, and mildly restrain others from entering on forbidden ground.

CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with the foregoing Preamble, we, inhabitants of Oxford County, agree to form ourselves into a united fraternity, by the name of the Oxford County Society for the improvement of morals; and to adopt the following regulations as the Constitution of said Society, viz.:

1. The Society shall consist of Delegates chosen by ballot, in Associations formed for the same purpose, in the several towns in the County aforesaid.

2. Each regular Association shall be entitled to one Delegate, and to two, should there be twenty members in the Association, and to three, should there be thirty, &c.

3. The aforesaid Delegates shall hold a meeting annually at a place and time previously appointed.

4. The officers of the Society to be chosen by ballot, at their first meeting, and annually afterwards, shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together, shall constitute a Board of Agents for doing any business which may devolve on them.

5. The officers of the several Associations, to be chosen as above, shall consist of a Moderator, Scribe,

and Treasurer, who shall constitute a Committee for conducting any business of their respective Associations which may be assigned to them.

6. The several Associations will hold their stated meetings, at least, three times in a year.

7. Each individual, on becoming a member of an Association, and annually afterwards, will be expected to pay twelve and a half cents, and more, if disposed to his respective Treasurer.

8. The Associate Treasurers are reasonably to transmit the money thus received, to the Treasurer of the County Society for the purchase of appropriate publications, at the discretion of the Board of Agents, and to be distributed according to their direction, but principally among the several Associations.

9. The meetings of the Society and of the several Associations are to be opened by some religious exercise, in addition to the reading of a portion of scripture, at the opening of the meetings. The intervening exercises may consist of appropriate addresses and other communications and discussions calculated to promote the object contemplated in this Constitution.

10. As the prime object of the Society and of the several Associations is, the improvement of morals, among themselves and others, it will be the duty of all the members, conscientiously to refrain from the intemperate and needless use of all kinds of distilled spirits, and particularly at retailing Stores and all places of dissipation; to refrain especially from the unnecessary use of ardent spirits, on the Lord's day, on all religious occasions, and at funeral solemnities; to refrain from using profane language, and from all immorality, and to disown the same in others.

11. All the members will, moreover, be required to be industrious in some useful employment; to pay a sacred regard to the holy Sabbath and to the public worship of God; to reverence the Sanctuary of the Lord, when there assembled, by a sober and decorous behaviour; and to use their influence with others to practice the same virtues.

12. It is recommended that laborers be encouraged to accept of something as a substitute for ardent spirit, except when really needed; and that it be no longer used as a fashionable treat in the social circle.

13. To impress favorably the minds of the rising generation, it will be the pleasure of the several Associations to encourage amiable youth to unite and meet with them, though not as voters till of the age of twenty-one years.

14. Ladies, approving of these measures, are desired to unite their influence in promoting the same cause.

15. The Rev. Clergy are respectfully invited to attend our meetings, to encourage our laudable efforts, and to take a part in our social exercises.

16. In towns or plantations where Associations cannot be formed, according to the provision made in this Constitution, individuals may, on the same terms be eligible to membership in the County Society, if present at their annual meetings.

17. Other regulations, not repugnant to the preceding, may be occasionally adopted, when judged expedient by the respective Committees, and the Constitution itself, will be subject to revision, at the discretion of the Board of Agents.

N. B. The first meeting of the Oxford County Society is to be held at Paris Meeting-house, on the third Wednesday of September next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Editors of other papers, circulated in this County, are desired seasonably to give this notice.

Oxford County, (Me.) Aug. 25, 1825.

WISCELLANY.

FROM THE NEW-YORK STATESMAN.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Packet ship Corinthian, at sea, Saturday, 25th June, 1825.

"Thus far we sail before the wind," in a figurative, if not in a literal sense, our gallant ship having at length reached the fifty-second degree of north latitude, and the twenty-ninth of longitude, after a passage of seventeen days from New-York. She is now standing for the coast of Ireland, with a favorable breeze, bearing us at the rate of eight or nine knots, the hour towards the port of destination; and as it is possible we may land at Cape Clear or Cork, if a fair opportunity shall present, with a view of visiting the principal places in that Island, before going to England or Scotland, I employ a leisure hour in retracing our path-way over the waste of waters to this point, reserving the remainder of the voyage to some future occasion.

Although I have kept a full dairy, in which volume of minute incidents are recorded; yet, on a review, the contents appear too trifling and too monotonous for publication. Circumstances which attracted attention, and served to amuse us, insulated and cut off as we were from the rest of the world, would appear trivial in detail, and could afford no gratification to our readers. A general outline of our voyage (thus far) is all I shall attempt; and even this, under present circumstances, must be crude and imperfect. My letter will doubtless contain many things at which a sailor would laugh, as exhibiting the evidences of a complete landsman, or what the English denominate "Johnny Newcome," the extent of my navigation having hitherto been confined to Long Island Sound. The whole scene has therefore been to me entirely novel.

With the circumstances of our departure from the Hook, and the ordeal of taking leave of our friends, you are acquainted. I hope the struggle of feeling, which such a moment is calculated to excite, was sustained with a becoming fortitude; "and he that would more is not a man." The heart experiences a new sensation, and throbs with new pulsations, as the eye surveys its native shores fast receding, with all the endearments of friends, country, and home. To a novice, the feeling is by no means allayed by the thought, "he is going he knows not where," launching upon the wide ocean, and entering in fact upon an untried state of being. Light as these thoughts may seem on shore, they will occasionally come over the heart at sea; and it is enough to say, that they were felt to their fulness, without, however, producing a moment's regret, at an undertaking involving like all others, some doubts and some risks as to the result.

A fair but light breeze soon bore us away from the waters of New-York. Object after object faded from view. Staten Island and the blue summits of New-York were soon lost in the horizon. Our course for some distance was nearly parallel with Long Island; and the last land we saw was the hills of South-Hampton. Every American passenger kept the deck, with his face turned homeward, till between four and five

o'clock in the afternoon, when the last glimpses of the shore faded into sky, and several of us for the first time realized the force of the poet's expression—*"indigne culum undique pontus."* The blue sky and the blue ocean were all of the world that remained to us; and we felt, if we did not exclaim—"my native land, good night!"

The separation had not till this moment become perfect; for the mind clung to the objects it could yet discern, old acquaintances, and the dim and distant view of the hills along the Island formed the last tie to be severed. When this was dissolved, we began to regard our ship as our only home for the present, and to examine into the resources which it afforded, for comfort, instruction, and amusement. Fortunately we have thus far found it abundant in all these particulars. The Corinthian, one of the handsomest and most gallant ships belonging to our port, being well built, as well as elegantly finished and furnished. She has a skillful commander, and her other officers and crew are uncommonly active and efficient, all manifesting, from the Captain to the cabin-boy, an anxiety to afford every accommodation to the passengers, and to maintain the high character of the ship.

We have by a kind of sympathy, entered fully into their feelings, although we are emphatically "only passengers," and a species of pride is felt, as the Corinthian, with all her canvas spread, passes under full sail by other vessels standing upon the same course. When there is a brisk gale, with the speed of the Corsair's bark,

"She walks the water like a thing of life,"

dashing through the foam, and riding over the billows with the utmost majesty, leaving her competitors far behind. She has fallen in with perhaps a dozen ships and brigs in the course of our passage, none of which could keep in sight of her more than two or three hours.

The accommodations of the Corinthian are not inferior to her external appearance and to her character for fleetness. Our table has been spread four times a day, laden with all the variety of meats, fruits, and delicacies, which the greatest epicure could desire, and crowned with several kinds of wine, not excepting champagne once or twice a week, for the purpose of drinking. "sweet-hearts and wives"—a custom rigidly observed by us. Our ship is at once a farm and store-house, from which the most abundant supplies of fresh provisions are drawn at pleasure.

Its deck has quite a rural appearance, where, one hears the crowing of the cock, the cackling of hens, the quacking of ducks, the lowing of the cow, and the bleating of sheep. There is an honest Irishman on board, named Jemmy, who is working his passage home, and whose special duty it is, to superintend the farm-yard and feed the stock. His assiduity, and the tenderness he manifests, towards his little flock, particularly towards the cow, Sukey, has acquired for him the good wishes of all the passengers.

Sed paulo majora canamus. —We have thirteen passengers besides myself, four of whom are from New-York, one from Flushing, two from the city of Washington, two from Pennsylvania, one from the West Indies, one from Liverpool, one from Leicester in England, and a Colonel belonging to the British Army, who has been stationed in Canada. They are all well educated, intelligent, and gentlemanly men, who have seen much of the world, and are intimately acquainted with the respective countries to which they belong. Although we have no ladies on board to exercise their restraining influence, the utmost decorum in dress and demeanor is observed; and as much etiquette prevails daily at our table as is witnessed at a genteel dinner party. This circumstance has added greatly to the pleasures of our passage. There is a good library on board the Corinthian, which, with the books belonging to the passengers, and thrown into common stock, furnishes an ample supply of literary amusement. I have not found an hour hang heavy on my hands since my departure, except in cases of indisposition, which had been less frequent and less severe than I had anticipated. The day passes in reading and conversation, interspersed occasionally with a game at chess or back-gammon for recreation. These occupations, at once instructive and amusing, with the various operations in directing and managing the ship, presenting a sphere of the arts with a language peculiar to itself, with which I was in a great measure unacquainted, have left no room for ennui.

But there is a pleasure beyond what this little world, enclosed in wooden walls, can afford—the pleasure of looking abroad upon the boundless ocean, of watching its changing aspects, its restless agitation, its eternal heavings. There is a grandeur in such an expanse of water, stretching beyond the limits of vision, and on all sides mingling with the skies, even when its surface is calm and placid. But how is its magnificence heightened, when it is lashed into tumult, and the billows are crested with foam! I have stood for hours, to survey the waves rolling and tumbling in the verge of the horizon, with which they appear to be blended. It is at such a moment that man feels his weakness and insignificance, while the elements are in commotion, the sea dashed around him, in all its terror and sublimity, and a fathomless abyss yawning beneath, insulated as he is from the rest of the world, and devoid of human assistance. His confidence is limited to a plank, and that, apparently too fragile to withstand for a moment the violence and concussions of the waves.

In spite of all the convictions of safety and of all resolutions to meet whatever may come with firmness and fortitude, the imagination, startled by the breaking of masts, the piping of winds, and the dashing of the surge, will sometimes descend to the bottom of the ocean, and survey such horrors, as are depicted in the dream of Clarence:

"What sights of ugly death within mine eyes!
Methought I saw a thousand fearful couches;
A thousand men, that fishes gnawed upon;
Wedges of gold, great anchors, heaps of pearl,
Inestimable stones, unvalued jewels,
All scattered in the bottom of the sea.

Some lay in dead men's skulls; and in those holes,
Where eyes did once inhabit, there were crept,
As 'twere in storm of eyes, reflecting gems,
That wold the slimy bottom of the deep,
And mock'd the dead bones that lay scatter'd by."

When the imagination has once reached the bottom of the ocean, it is very easy for it to extend its rambles through coral groves and those green recesses, which poets, and naturalists scarcely less fanciful, have supposed to exist. Buffon thinks that the depths of the sea exhibit all the varieties of hill and dale, earth and rock, that we observe on dry land; and that its plants and shrubs have a similar regular distribution. According to others, these vegetables and sub-marine productions are of the most gorgeous and splendid colors, vying in richness and beauty with

cy may go a step further, and people these bright abodes with the inhabitants of the deep, or those fatigued gods and goddesses, which the poets of antiquity called into existence.

But let us once more ascend to the surface, if our bathos has not carried us beyond a retreat. I have never before so fully realized the imagery which has been drawn from, and the epithets which have been applied to the ocean, by every writer from Homer down to Lord Byron, as my observation has enabled me to do in this short voyage. The epithet employed by the latter, in the first line of the *Corsair*,

"O'er the glad waters of the dark blue sea,"

is exactly true to nature, and expresses with minute accuracy the color of the ocean, at depths where there are no soundings. As you recede from the shore, the sea-green tinge vanishes, and the cerulean hue darkens in proportion to the depth of the water. So perceptible is this change, that we were able to discover in a moment when we had arrived at soundings upon the Grand Bank. A skilful mariner will ascertain with great accuracy the depth of the water by the eye, without the use of the lead.

Other natural objects, such as the sun, moon, and stars, acquire an additional interest, when seen from the ocean, particularly at their rising and setting. Some of our sun-seas have been glorious beyond description. As the bright orb sunk to the horizon, its disc became oblong, and flashed its splendors across the waves, tracing a pyramid of light of the brightest hue. This glorious imagery towards the West appears the more splendid, when contrasted with the darkness of the East, where there are no objects to reflect the beams of day, after the sun has reached the verge of the horizon, owing to the sphericity of the ocean. Its disc appears to be tinged and gradually quenched by the waves, assuming as it sinks, a hundred different forms. On one evening, some of our passengers had the curiosity to climb to the round-top, while others held their watches below, for the purpose of ascertaining how much longer the sun could be seen at that height, than from the deck. The difference was found to be a minute and four seconds.

The moon, stars, and clouds have to us been equally fruitful sources of observation, appearing under new aspects, and being dearer from the eternal solitude, which reigns over long tracts of ocean, tumbling around the globe. We have often stood upon the deck, to see the star of evening go down, and the moon plunge her cold orb into the main, creating a silver drapery in the clouds around her, as she sinks to rest. When the sea is calm, twilight and the reflection of the ruddy west is delightfully soft and tranquil. The mornings too are sometimes extremely beautiful, the clouds resting in the utmost serenity along the horizon, and apparently resting upon the blue unruled waters. By good fortune, the *aurora borealis* has been added to the phenomena of nature observed by us. It brightened the whole north, and gave to the skies the appearance of twilight at break of day. The latitude of this place has in some measure changed the aspect of the heavens, the sun setting at 7 minutes after 8 o'clock, making the day 16 hours and 14 minutes long. Evening twilight does not disappear till about 10 o'clock, and the day dawns at a little after 2. There are of course at this season but a few hours of darkness, and even that brief reign is at present shortened by the moon, now fast becoming full orb. The Captain informed at breakfast to-day, that twilight in the north-west was visible the whole of last night. In the course of our passage we have experienced nearly every variety of weather, except the severe gale, and have therefore enjoyed an opportunity of viewing the ocean under all aspects. Three days after leaving the Hook, we reached the Gulph Stream, and nearly crossed it, our ship being at one time as far south as the 38th degree of latitude. There is some advantage in taking this current in an eastward passage, as it runs at the rate of two or three knots an hour; but this seems to be in some measure counterbalanced by the bad weather and heavy swell to be encountered. It is indeed a region of tempests occasioned probably by the different temperature of the air and its effect in producing currents of wind. On Monday the 13th, we experienced a severe thunder-storm, accompanied by heavy gusts, which continued from 4 o'clock in the afternoon till midnight. It was truly a terrific scene, especially after night came on. The flashes of lightning were frequent and vivid, and the peals of thunder mingling with the roarings of the sea, were tremendous. The bolts fell thick around us, but the lightning did not appear to strike near the ship. A more sublime and awful spectacle than the ocean presented during this storm, can hardly be imagined. The sea as well as the skies seemed to be in a blaze, the phosphoric flashes of the former being scarcely less vivid than those of the latter. This tumult and war of the elements continued for many hours with unabated violence. The grandeur of the scene was heightened by the active bustle and cry of the hardy mariner, as he went aloft amidst the storm, to furl the sails. To a landsman it is really surprising to see with what alertness the sailor will climb to the dizzy heights, and leap from one part of the rigging to another. There is an active and interesting little boy on board, only thirteen years old, who is sometimes seen poised like the lark at the top of the mast, handing the royal. His name as well as his activity in climbing or descending has often reminded me of Gay's beautiful simile, in "Black eyed Susan."

At 10 o'clock on the night of

ice from the arctic regions arrive at this part of the ocean, and are frequently seen in the most fantastic forms, resembling enchanted islands, mountains, churches, and castles. The passengers were desirous of witnessing so great a curiosity, although they did not care to come very near to such dangerous and formidable obstructions to navigation. The melting of the ice creates a thick vapor around it, and vessels frequently run close upon the floating masses, before they are discovered, as was the case with the Packet Liverpool, which was lost a year or two since. Our eyes were strained in vain, and a few days bore us beyond the region of these mountains from the pole.

From the 20th to the 22d of June inclusive, the ship lay in a dead calm. On the last mentioned day, so perfectly tranquil was the ocean, that the Captain ordered the jolly-boat to be launched, and four of us with a man at the helm, rowed to the distance of a mile from the ship—the little boat climbing over the smooth swells with an easy and delightful motion. We brought back with us a large *Nauilus*, or Portuguese man-of-war, as this animal is generally called by the sailors. He is a curious creature, peculiarly fitted for the element on the surface of which he moves, being furnished with a keel, anchor, sails, and ballast, for the purposes of navigation. Possessing the power of locomotion, he can shift his position so as to catch the gale, and glide over the highest waves with ease and safety. Sometimes when the sea is calm and the sun warm, he will turn himself upon his side, wet his sail, and then right his little bark, and resume his passage. These animals frequently navigate the ocean in fleets, perhaps under the command of an admiral. Their sails, which are transparent and beautifully bordered with a bright pink color, vie in richness and elegance, particularly when seen in the direction of the sun, with the silken sails of Cleopatra. We have seen thousands of them bounding over the billows, reminding us of Pope's couplet:

"Learn of the little *Nauilus* to sail,
Spread the thin sail, and catch the rising gale."

After our return to the ship, the Captain and another party made an excursion in the jolly-boat, taking a musket with them, and bringing back a *haglet*, a large sea bird, apparently very fierce in its disposition. It was slightly wounded in its wing, and some of the more mischievous passengers got up a cock-fight, putting the *haglet* against Dick, a proud rooster, on board, which had worn the *grafe* and acted the part of a bravado to all the other animals. The combat lasted for some minutes, when the bird seized Dick by the throat and held him fast, till the Captain was obliged to part them. The latter was completely beaten and could not be brought to another engagement.

At 12 o'clock on the day of this calm, the Captain ordered a sail to be rigged out by the side of the ship, sinking it to the depth of 6 or 8 feet below the surface, and drawing it up at the corners, so as to form a fine bath, secure from the rapacity of the sharks, which renders bathing in the ocean dangerous. Half a dozen of us plunged in, and had a good frolic of it before dinner, not less conducive to health than amusement.

In the course of our voyage, we had a glance at nearly all the various inhabitants of the deep. Soon after our departure, numerous schools of porpoises were discovered, gambling in the waves, and playing around the ship, being visible several feet below the surface, and darting like lightning through the water. One of our passengers, who was formerly an expert whaleman, and is perfectly acquainted with every fish that swims the ocean, planted himself with a harpoon in the bow of the ship. He soon hurtled his weapon with unerring dexterity, and a large porpoise was hoisted upon deck. It was skinned *sabre fashion*, and the next morning we had a porpoise steak and liver for breakfast. It might be palatable under different circumstances. But among us it was proposed as a standing dish to one who happened to be upon the sick list. The poor *haglet*, after its victory over Dick, was served in the same manner.

One day while we were at dinner, word came below, that a large whale was along side the ship, within a few rods. We all rushed upon deck, and had several fair views of the monster, as he stretched himself upon the surface and spouted. His length was estimated to be about seventy feet, giving us some idea of the Leviathan floating upon the sea. Upon this hint, our intelligent fellow-passenger spoke, and over our wine gave us a highly interesting and instructive lecture on the whale fishery, in which he was engaged for ten years. I obtained more knowledge of this business from him, than could have been derived from books in a week. He gave me a diagram, illustrative of the mode of skinning and cutting up the whale for the purpose of obtaining the oil. His acquaintance with the inhabitants of the ocean has been of great service to us, imparting a lucid explanation of the habits of all the animals we have fallen in with, from Mother Carey's Chickens, which are constantly playing in our wake, to Flying Fish, Sword Fish, Dolphins, Block-Fish, Sharks, Fin Backs, and other monsters of the deep, which have crossed our track. A description of these various tribes would far transcend my limits, were I competent to the task.

It is a little singular, that we have not spoken an American ship since leaving port, nor even seen one, which it was certain was from the United States. The first vessel we fell in with was an English brig bound to Quebec. A day or two after, we spoke the Lord Sidmouth from Quebec, bound to Plymouth. It was just at twilight. Both were fine vessels and standing upon the same course. The Corinthian, bearing the fastest sail, came close along side, and passed her rival with great dignity, affording merely time to make the usual inquiries and exchange civilities, by wishing each other a pleasant passage. Such an incident, trifling as it may seem to those on shore, is extremely gratifying at sea, after having gazed day after day upon the solitary ocean. Yesterday we spoke a brig from St. Johns, New-Brunswick, bound to Plymouth; and three or four vessels are now in sight. To one of them the Captain hoisted his colors upon the mizen peak. The signal was promptly answered by a display of the "meteore-flag of England." The utmost courtesy prevails on such occasions, and the hearty good-will with which the Captains wish one another pleasant voyages, has something in it beyond a cold formality, exposed as they are to common dangers, and often standing in need of mutual assistance.

Thus have I given you more in detail than was anticipated at the commencement, the history of my adventures upon the ocean, which are scarcely less voluminous than those of Telemachus; yet prolix as my letter is, it contains but a small proportion of incidents recorded in a diary of 30 pages. My dispatches will be forwarded by the first opportunity; if possible, before the Corinthian arrives at Liverpool. The day has declined since I began to write, and another charming evening finds us bounding over the billows, under full sail:

"The weary sun hath made a golden set,
And by the bright track of his fiery car,
Gives token of a goodly day to-morrow."

A Cure for Drowsiness.—A writer in the Baltimore American recommends to young naval officers and others afflicted with drowsiness, the chewing of tough Ship Bread!—If this don't keep them awake, we know not what will.

FOREIGN.

By the *Emerald*, from Liverpool, we have our London files and lists to the evening of the 23d July. We have also been favored with Paris papers to the 22d July.

They afford but little political intelligence of much interest.—The most important is that which relates to Grecian affairs, and that assumes, from time to time, all the colors of the rainbow. The nations appeared busy only in their own affairs, with the exception of those of Spain, and all seemed agreed, that they continued to be divided and pernicious.

From PERU. Official papers from Lima announce, that the Commander-in-Chief of the French squadron in the Pacific, Rear Admiral Ducamp de Rosaner, Chevalier of the order of St. Louis, and Officer of the Legion of Honor, on the 17th March solicited an audience of the Liberator Bolivar, which being accorded to the meeting took place on the 18th, at Magdalena; when the Admiral announced to the Liberator, that the French Government professed and entertained the most pure sentiments of strict neutrality with respect to the new American States; and that this declaration was received with high satisfaction by the Liberator, whose confidence in the frank and generous conduct of the Admiral had long been established.

"Lima, April 1. Callao still holds out, notwithstanding the skill and vigor with which the siege is conducted, and the near approach of our batteries. Lima loses no opportunity of annoying the workmen employed in erecting the approaches.

"The Patriot squadron off Callao, consists of the Protector, 54 guns, Com. Ellsworth; Limanian, 28, Captain Freeman; Huachano, 22; Macdonald, and another brig; and the Colombian corvette Pinchincha, Capt. Druett.

"The Council of State of Lima, has announced by a decree, that all property of the subjects of Spain introduced into the Republic, shall be confiscated, under whatever flag or in whatever vessel they may be found; and after four months from the date of the decree, (April 17th, 1825,) all vessels in which Spanish property of any kind shall be found, shall be decreed good prize."

From PERNAMBUCO. Capt. Whitmore, of the Elizabeth, arrived at Boston, reports that the brig Mary Ann, Coggswell, was to sail from Rio de Janeiro on the 25th July, with troops. The troops that had embarked on board the Mary Ann were unexpectedly drawn out on the 17th July, under pretence of relieving the troops in the interior; but were (not without difficulty) put into launches and sent on board a sloop of war. The reason for this movement, we are left to conjecture.—Possibly these troops have shewn an unwillingness to engage in the Imperial service against the revolutionists of the Banda Oriental.—*Bost. Statesman.*

The Courier says, alluding to the report of the appearance of Colombian corsairs on the coast of Andalusia, "Such is the relative situation of the two countries. Spain haughtily refuses to recognise the independence of the Colombian Republic, as if it were too insignificant to be admitted into the rank of States. The Republic itself, in a manner, answers the ridiculous assumption, by the presence of vessels bearing its flag, insulting the coast of Spain within a few leagues almost of the Capital."

The *Eloie* gives the following article from Smyrna, dated June 17th.—"Ibrahim Pacha has advanced with 8000 men, and attacked and surrounded a body of Moreots in an entrenched position to the North of Modon, and after a desperate resistance destroyed the same."

From BUENOS AIRES. The Susquehanna, at Amboy, brings accounts from Buenos Ayres to July 8. A large Brazilian squadron had arrived in the outer roads and demanded a surrender of all claims to the Banda Oriental. [This is probably the squadron which an arrival here reported to have sailed from M. Video to demand of the Buenos Ayren Government whether they intended to assist the rebels, &c.]

Admiral Lobos commanded, and he was answered that before negotiation he must withdraw his forces. Monte Video was invested by 500 men, and the Governor had 2000, and 1500 regulars. Rio de la Plata was expected to be blockaded. Intercourse between Buenos Ayres and Monte Video was open, but trade in the latter place was at an end.—*Bost. Statesman.*

BOLIVAR. It has already been stated in the Colombian papers, that two attempts had been made to assassinate the Liberator Bolivar. A letter from Bogota, published in the London journals says, that this friend of mankind had escaped the dagger of the assassin, which had been raised against him, no less than seven or eight times. In the recent secret murder, at Lima, of Mr. Montengro, it was ascertained, on examining the body, that he had been stabbed with a sharp instrument. This led to the examination of all the cutlers in the city, when one of them stated that he had sharpened two poniards, at the request of a negro, with whose name he was unacquainted, but that he should know him if he saw him again. "A proclamation (continues the writer) was immediately issued, ordering a general enlistment for the army, but excepting all slaves and black men. It was a trap laid for them as necessary for the service of the city; to which effect they were ordered to call for a bill of exception at the office of the Adjutant General. They presented themselves accordingly; and the cutler, who was concealed, easily knew the

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PARIS, (ME.) THURSDAY, SEPT. 8, 1825.

GENERAL ELECTION, On Monday next.

STATE NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR,

Aubon Et. Harris.

*Senators for Oxford County,
(two to be chosen.)*

HON. CORNELIUS HOLLAND, of Canton,
JOSEPH HOWARD, Esq. of Brownfield.

GEN. LEVI HUBBARD, of Paris,
PETER C. VIRGIN, Esq. of Rumford.

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County Treasurer.
HENRY RUST, Esq. of Norway.

POLITICAL.—There seems to be considerable excitement in most of the Counties in the State, with regard to the candidates to be supported for the Senate at the approaching election. In this County, where there is as little sectional feeling as in either, there are *free* candidates. In the County of Somerset they have two entire tickets presented with the exception of Senator, each of them backed by a "caucus."—We thought of presenting our readers with "a true and perfect" list of the candidates for the Senate in the different counties; but we soon found it a more serious job than we at first anticipated, and therefore desisted.

In Trouble Again.—The troubles and difficulties in which an Editor is involved are sometimes lessons of instruction, not only to himself but to others. He is looked upon by the community as any thing, or nothing, just as will suit their present purposes.—Though people's tastes are as different as *sweet* and *sour*, or as opposite as the antipodes, yet every reader expects the paper will be conformable to his own. If his paper contain some moral pieces, they are not of the right stamp; if it contain none, he is growled at.—Does he refuse to insert communications which expose the vices of men—he is accused of being an *accomplice*; should he admit them, he would be prosecuted for a libel. To oblige his correspondents, he inserts a communication stating that a man does not do or has not done such and such things—*unless* this good friends will then be buzzing about him in great trouble; and he, poor creature, cannot tell what. But so it is; if we say a man is a good citizen, his neighbors dislike it; if we say he is not good, he will be put out with us,—and if we do not notice him at all, we affront him and his creatures. But we feel too independent to take hat in hand, and ask a man whether we may insert such or such an article, unless it concerns him; and when the shot hits and wounds a bird, it is known by its fluttering; and no monitor is so sure as a man's own conscience.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—At the recent term of the Supreme Court in this County, the following points of law were decided by the Court. We copy them from the Gazette of Maine:

1st. In the case *Baldwin vs. Pulsifer*, it was decided that one town cannot maintain an action against another town for expenses incurred in supporting a pauper, until after the lapse of two months next following the notice given to the delinquent town.

2d. In the case *Harlow vs. Pike*, it was decided that Selectmen, or the persons appointed by them, must give notice to the owners of land, through which they are about to lay out a town or private way: and that without such notice, the road cannot be considered legal, though accepted by the town.

3d. In the case *Lewis and others vs. Webb*, the Court decided that the Legislature have no constitutional authority to pass a law granting a right of appeal, or a new trial to an individual:—that to exercise such a power is to pass the boundaries of legitimate legislation and invade the province of the judicial Department.

THE WEATHER still continues very dry, although there has been considerable change in the atmosphere since August. Sickness prevails in many places, especially among children. The principal disorder is the dysentery; several cases of fever, however, have occurred. We learn, that in Belfast, a large number of children have died, and that many are sick. In this County many have been ailing, and several have died. Should the weather continue thus, we fear sickness will prevail to an alarming extent.—We also learn that much damage has been done, in many places, by fires; and that they continue to spread in the woods. Should the drought continue, we may expect to hear of numerous disasters, &c., &c.—a tragic element, when once it obtains the mastery.

"KENNEBEC DAM."—We had occasion, a few weeks since, to notice the project of the *Advertiser* of the *Kennebec Journal*, of building a dam across the Kennebec river, at Augusta. We did not, however, receive the paper containing the notice the Editors took of our remarks until about ten days after it was due, which accounts for the delay on our part in acknowledging the courtesy. What we deem wholly chimerical and altogether impracticable, certainly, made us feel somewhat "merry"; nor do we yet fear that our *wit*-dom will be exposed by the scheme of the Editors being turned "into a reality" before our "jokes are forgotten." But, however, we will assure our friends, the Editors, that our *rapier* was not *poinced*, neither have we any hostile feelings towards internal improvement, but should be exceedingly glad to have their favorite dam erected, provided it could be done so as to be permanent; this, and this only is the query with us. We heartily commend the zeal of the Editors of the *Journal*; "it is always good to be zeulously affected in a good thing;" and when the

dam is completed, we will willingly bear the "gives and scoffs" of the multitude.

NEW PAPER.—Messrs. True & Green, the enterprising Publishers and Proprietors of the *American Statesman*, have made arrangements to publish that paper daily. This will be the fourth daily paper published in Boston.

We understand that John Davis, Esq. of Augusta, is the fortunate owner of the ticket (No. 2446), which drew the \$10,000 prize in the last Class of the *Cumberland and Oxford Canal Lottery*.

We have seen an Apple which grew in the orchard of Mr. Nathaniel Fuller, Jr. of Hebron, which measured eleven inches and a half in circumference.

We would thank the Editor of the N. England Farmer, to send us No. 6, of his paper, as we have two of No. 5, already.

We invite the attention of our readers to the Constitution of the "Oxford County Society for the Improvement of Mirth," contained on the first page of this day's paper. The intentions of the Society are laudable and well deserving of encouragement.

Communications.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

MR. BARTON, As I have been introduced to the inhabitants of this town, as Candidate for their Representative in the next Legislature of this State, I would thank you to state, through the medium of the *Observer*, that, however highly I appreciate the esteem and good will of my fellow-citizens, I must decline the honor at this time, which they would wish to confer on me. Yours, &c. LEVI HUBBARD.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

MR. BARTON; The people of this County will not tamely submit to the sinister advice, machinations or nominations of an intriguing junto of *Conspirators* and *Dictators*, although they have the *effrontery* to assume the imposing name of a "CONVENTION"—Convention, indeed! What sort of a Convention was that assembled at the Court-House in Paris, on Wednesday last, to direct the people in their choice of Senators? The voters in two or three, out of thirty-one—towns, were notified, probably with fairness, to appoint Delegates to attend a Caucus, called by Mr. *Nobody*, on the 24th of this month, to manage and intrigue and nominate Candidates for the Senate! And on that memorable occasion, a group of *modest* friends of the people assembled.—But of whom was that famous "Convention" composed? of the Representatives of the people? No, sir.—They were not requested, by the voters of the towns to convene at Paris, with the exception of a small minority; the voters of the several towns were not represented in that *redoubtable* "CONVENTION!" Were the voters of Paris, Turner, Livermore, Bethel, Buckfield, Norway, Fryeburg, Brownfield, &c. &c. represented in that "Convention," by persons delegated by them? Verily they were not! and so it may be truly said of nine-tenths of the towns in the County. This famous "Convention" consisted, principally, of "people-loving" volunteers shuffled together, on the spot, some elected on the stairs of the Court-house—some in one place and some in another, by a few intriguers.—The result of their precious labors is known—Doct. Holland and "Squire Howard" are announced as the fruit of this Caucus-labor.

JUDICIAL.—*Stetens vs. Blanchard and others.* This action, decided in the Common Pleas, at Augusta, at its late Term, Judge WHITMAN presiding, was brought to recover of the defendants damages sustained by fire upon a wood-lot of the plaintiff. The material facts in this case, which, considering the extensive forests with which our country abounds, and the immense losses of timber annually occasioned by negligence in setting fires, is of importance to be known to settlers and those owning wild lands, are the following:—Some time in April last, the defendants were possessed of a piece of felled trees, lying contiguous to the lot of the plaintiff; who, knowing the exposed situation of his property, requested them not to burn during the then drought, or if they did, to give him notice, that he might if possible protect it. They concluded to burn, and neglected to notify the plaintiff, or to take measures to check the fire, which spread over thirty or forty acres of his land. For damages thus sustained, by the injury done to his timber and trees, he brought this action.—The Court, in charging the Jury, insisted much on the expediency and even necessity of establishing rules to be recognized as obligatory upon the citizen and as authority in legal decisions on questions of this description. For although the principle, that every man has a right to do with his own property as he sees fit, may have afforded a colorable pretense for many acts followed by ruinous and supposed unactionable consequences: yet, in cases of this kind, the restriction, that, "in the use of man's own, care shall be taken that no damage accrues to the property of others," should be taken strongly against the defendants. And in the necessary use of the element of fire where the smallest lapse of attention, or a slight indiscretion, might be attended with incalculable mischief, the person thus negligent shall be held liable for all damages occasioned by a lack of due precaution.—Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of one hundred dollars, and costs of Court.

Dysentery.—The dysentery prevails in Belfast and some of the neighboring towns, to an alarming extent. We have heard that about one tenth of the whole population in Brooks have died within a few weeks; fifty in Montville, nine of whom lie dead at one time; many in Swanville, Knox, and Freedom, and other towns. In Belfast, nearly one half the population have been attacked by this disease within the last six weeks; and about fifty have fallen victims to this and other diseases. Most of the deaths have happened among children under four years of age.—*Belfast Gaz.*

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Editor, have, therefore, resolved to support GEN. LEVI HUBBARD, of Paris—and PETER C. VIRGIN, Esq. of Rumford, to represent us in the Senate, the ensuing political year; those gentlemen are well known and need no recommendation—from ANDROSCOGGIN.

August 31, 1825.

FOR THE OBSERVER.

Mr. BARTON.—You will oblige me by publishing in your next paper, the names of Hon. CORNELIUS HOLLAND, of Canton, and Gen. LEVI HUBBARD, of Paris, as Candidates for the Senate, for the ensuing political year.—They are well known to the people in this County, and need no other recommendation than their former services. YEOMAN.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF OXFORD COUNTY.

To divide and command has ever been the motto of faction. It is understood that the discontented spirits amongst us, anxious to promote their own views in preference to the public good, aware that no open and manly opposition can be effectual, have had recourse to secret cabals and private nominations.

Republicans! the men whom you have selected as candidates for the office of Senators, by delegates chosen from among yourselves, in whose judgment you have declared your confidence by such choice, are now to be put down, if the views of the factious and discontented are to prevail. And by whom? By a few individuals, the self-constituted organs of what they would represent as the public voice. Men of tried political integrity, firm and undivided in the principles of true republicanism, are to be opposed by wavering politicians, ready to join any party, which may offer the best chance of success to their schemes of self-aggrandizement and disunion in the republican party. These men are to be set up in opposition to the regular nomination—to that mode of designating candidates for public office, which you have always practised and approved. To those of you who know them, no arguments will be necessary to direct your choice. To others, let that spirit of patriotism and union which you have hitherto undivisibly pursued, still be your guide to the haven of political safety and success. Abandon not those principles which you have hitherto found so salutary, and efficient, to follow the restless and discontented advocates of disunion. If you have local or personal prejudices, sacrifice them upon the altar of patriotism and true republican principle. Believe you, that they are deserving the name of republicans, who willingly suffer their names to stand in opposition to regularly nominated candidates? Has such conduct a tendency to promote the views of the true republican party, or of those who, while they are republicans in name, are apostates in principle? But it is unnecessary to say more. Let your conduct manifest the principles by which you are governed. Show at the polls on next Monday, that unanimity, independence and firm adherence to your political creed which has hitherto so nobly directed you, and your success is certain.

A REPUBLICAN.

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MR. BARTON:

The people of this County will not tamely submit to the sinister advice, machinations or nominations of an intriguing junto of *Conspirators* and *Dictators*, although they have the *effrontery* to assume the imposing name of a "CONVENTION"—Convention, indeed! What sort of a Convention was that assembled at the Court-House in Paris, on Wednesday last, to direct the people in their choice of Senators? The voters in two or three, out of thirty-one—towns, were notified, probably with fairness, to appoint Delegates to attend a Caucus, called by Mr. *Nobody*, on the 24th of this month, to manage and intrigue and nominate Candidates for the Senate! And on that memorable occasion, a group of *modest* friends of the people assembled.—But of whom was that famous "CONVENTION" composed? of the Representatives of the people? No, sir.—They were not requested, by the voters of the towns to convene at Paris, with the exception of a small minority; the voters of the several towns were not represented in that *redoubtable* "CONVENTION!" Were the voters of Paris, Turner, Livermore, Bethel, Buckfield, Norway, Fryeburg, Brownfield, &c. &c. represented in that "Convention," by persons delegated by them? Verily they were not! and so it may be truly said of nine-tenths of the towns in the County. This famous "CONVENTION" consisted, principally, of "people-loving" volunteers shuffled together, on the spot, some elected on the stairs of the Court-house—some in one place and some in another, by a few intriguers.—The result of their precious labors is known—Doct. Holland and "Squire Howard" are announced as the fruit of this Caucus-labor.

JUDICIAL.—*Stetens vs. Blanchard and others.* This

action, decided in the Common Pleas, at Augusta, at its late Term, Judge WHITMAN presiding, was brought to recover of the defendants damages sustained by fire upon a wood-lot of the plaintiff. The material facts in this case, which, considering the extensive forests with which our country abounds, and the immense losses of timber annually occasioned by negligence in setting fires, is of importance to be known to settlers and those owning wild lands, are the following:—Some time in April last, the defendants were possessed of a piece of felled trees, lying contiguous to the lot of the plaintiff; who, knowing the exposed situation of his property, requested them not to burn during the then drought, or if they did, to give him notice, that he might if possible protect it. They concluded to burn, and neglected to notify the plaintiff, or to take measures to check the fire, which spread over thirty or forty acres of his land.

For damages thus sustained, by the injury done to his timber and trees, he brought this action.—The Court, in charging the Jury, insisted much on the expediency and even necessity of establishing rules to be recognized as obligatory upon the citizen and as authority in legal decisions on questions of this description.

For although the principle, that every man has a right to do with his own property as he sees fit, may have afforded a colorable pretense for many acts followed by ruinous and supposed unactionable consequences: yet, in cases of this kind, the restriction, that, "in the use of man's own, care shall be taken that no damage accrues to the property of others," should be taken strongly against the defendants. And in the necessary use of the element of fire where the smallest lapse of attention, or a slight indiscretion, might be attended with incalculable mischief, the person thus negligent shall be held liable for all damages occasioned by a lack of due precaution.—Verdict for the plaintiff.

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